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Shades of Change Program Celebrates Black History Month

Looking to the past often helps us understand the present and even the future. The Fairfax County Park Authority invites you to explore the lives and times of people from Virginia's past at the Shades of Change program on Monday, February 20, 2006. Join us at Frying Pan Farm Park's Visitor Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to learn about Black History from the people who lived it.

Find out how school life in Fairfax County has changed over the last 125 years. Shades of change: The other side of Floris, a 42 minute video, probes what life was like for students who attended the Floris Colored School. Phyllis Coats-O'Neal, a 1938 graduate and Joe Carpenter, a 1948 graduate along with historian, Yvonne Johnson and host Mark Richardson share their recollections and the history of the "Colored Schools" of the Fairfax County Public Schools. Topics include funding, transportation, curriculum, discipline, daily routines, field day, recess and of course, homework. A brief question and answer period follows. The program is free. Call Frying Pan Farm Park at 703-437-9101 for more information.

Directions: Frying Pan Farm Park may reached by taking Beltway Exit 49 which is Route 66 west to the Route 50 west exit. Follow Route 50 west to a right on the Fairfax County Parkway until it meets West Ox Road. Turn left on West Ox Road and follow to the Visitor Center entrance on the right.

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